

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 58-59, 61-62, 67-75 are pending, and claims 1-57, 60 and 63-66 are canceled.

No claim has been amended.

New claim 75 has been added.

Claim 75 is directed toward a method for treating or ameliorating a disease characterized by excessive bone resorption in a human subject in need thereof, the method comprising effecting presentation to the immune system of said subject an effective amount of an OPGL polypeptide comprised of the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID No 2 and a T-helper epitope. Support for claim 75 is found in the original claims, for instance, in original claim 29. Support for the claim 75 limitation reciting that OPGL comprises a T-helper to is found, for instance, in the specification at page 51 lines 5-25.

No new matter has been added.

Interview Summary

Applicants and Applicant's representative thank the Examiners for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative in the interview of October 4, 2007. The enablement and written description rejections were discussed, but no agreement was reached.

The Claim Rejections

In the Office Action dated June 27, 2007, the Examiner maintained claim rejections on the grounds of lack of enablement, lack of written description and double patenting. (Office Action pages 2-11). Applicants respectfully traverse.

Applicants submit that the present claims in their present form meet all statutory patentability requirements, at least for the reasons of record. Applicants further submit that new claim 75 is also directed to subject matter that meets all statutory patentability requirements.

Although Applicants believe that the present claims define subject matter that meets all statutory patentability requirements, Applicants state their intent to file declarations by persons of ordinary skill in the art, further supporting the fact that the present claims meet the written description and enablement requirements. In order to ensure that Applicants have sufficient time to procure these declarations, Applicants have requested a three-month suspension of examination in this application.

Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Leonard R. Svensson Reg. No. 30,330 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136 (a), Applicant respectfully petition for a one (1) month extension of time for filing a reply in connection with the present application, and the required fee of \$120.00 is attached hereto.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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